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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** The Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report of the NIS Program

1. There is transmitted herewith the Annual Report of the National Intelligence Survey Program for Fiscal Year 1957.

2. This has been another successful year in the operations of the NIS program including substantial attainment of the annual production requirements set by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Since the beginning of the program a total of 3,732 NIS sections has been produced, representing 67% coverage of world areas. The NIS Gazetteer program of standardized geographic names has been completed on a world-wide basis and is being adequately maintained.

3. In summary, this has been a year of solid accomplishment, characterized by excellent interagency support and coordination, and reflecting a gradual improvement in collection guidance and acquisition, better administrative controls, and more efficient interagency procedures. However, NIS production effort remains unbalanced to a serious degree.

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